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TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION SOUGHT TO CONTINUE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WASTE TREATMENT AND IMMOBILIZATION PLANT

The Department of Energy Office of River Protection (DOE-ORP) is requesting temporary permit authorization pursuant to WAC 173-303-830(4)(e) for 180 days to begin installation of two Treated Low-Activity Waste Evaporation Process vessels and a Treated Low-Activity Waste Concentrate Storage Process vessel in advance of receiving a final permit decision from the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology). Installation of these vessels was previously approved by Ecology on July 23, 2004. Since that time, updated information for the vessels was provided reflecting design evolution that does not affect the form, function, or capacity of the vessels with respect to their initial submittal and approval by Ecology.

The Treated Low Activity Waste Evaporation Process System increases the concentration of the treated low-activity waste prior to transfer to the Low Activity Waste Vitrification Facility for glassification. The Treated Low-Activity Waste Concentrate Storage Process system is designed to provide storage capacity for treated low-activity waste concentrate between the Pretreatment Facility and the Low-Activity Waste Vitrification Facility.

The design and construction of the Waste Treatment Plant is on an aggressive schedule. Temporary authorization allows DOE-ORP to continue construction of the Waste Treatment Plant while maintaining the integrity of the permitting process. Moving forward with construction is important to the overall project schedule and DOE-ORP's ability to meet Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) Milestones that have been established for the Project.

Construction of the Waste Treatment Plant is critical for the removal of waste from Hanford's double-shell and single-shell tanks: these are major components in the overall cleanup of the Hanford Site.

WHOM TO CONTACT

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